



Valley Forge National Historical Park

2011-2012 Education Program Guide & Reservation Request Form





Valley Forge Education Programs

October 2011– May 2012

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Riding Through History

This program gives students a history lesson by getting them out into the park to see for themselves what the winter encampment was like for the men and women of the Continental Army. Park rangers board your bus and ride with your group throughout the park. Featured stops include the Muhlenberg Brigade, with a living history demonstration at the site of reconstructed cabins, and a visit to the original building used by General Washington as his headquarters.

Time Offered: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays at 10:00

Duration: 2 hours

Class Size: Maximum 2 buses per day

Fee: \$2.50 per student (Up to a maximum of \$150 per group/per day)

Soldier Life

During this program, students have the chance to learn first-hand about what life was like for the average soldier at Valley Forge. Conducted by park rangers dressed in period clothing, this program emphasizes how the men and women of the Continental Army accomplished the feats that eventually won our independence. Activities take place outdoors (weather permitting), with students marching $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the Visitor Center to the Muhlenberg Brigade camp area.

Time Offered: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, starting no later than 11:00

Duration: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Class Size: 50 Maximum/15 Minimum*

Fee: None

Rangers on the Road

*Bring Valley Forge to your school. Park rangers visit your classroom and present a program about Valley Forge. Rangers dressed as either Continental Soldiers or Regimental Camp Followers bring their kit with them to help bring alive the story of the brave men and women who encamped at Valley Forge. Additional topics ranging from Washington's leadership to the Philadelphia Campaign are also available. **Rangers on the Road** may be requested as a supplement to a field trip program prior to the field trip with the additional fee listed below.*

Time Offered: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

Duration: 1 hour

Fee: \$60-\$80 per program, depending on time and distance traveled

Range: Maximum of 30 mile radius of the park

Stories in the Rocks

Rocks reveal many stories, if you know how to read them! This ranger-led nature walk teaches students about the rocks right beneath their feet, including what rocks reveal about the past. Valley Forge is a site with unique geological features making it a regional hot spot for rock study. Students also see mastodon and saber-tooth cat fossils from the Great Ice Age discovered at Valley Forge and try to "read the rocks" for themselves during a visit to an old limestone quarry.

Time Offered: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, starting no later than 11:00

Duration: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Class Size: Maximum of 20 students, boy scouts, or girl scouts. Recommended for 3rd and 4th grade levels.

Fee: None





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Home School Day

Home School students are welcomed to visit Valley Forge for a unique educational experience. Multiple stations are set up for students to rotate through to learn about topics such as: 18th Century Life, the American Revolution, and natural resources. Our park rangers and dedicated volunteers bring education to life through special programs and hands-on activities designed for school-aged children.

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Reservations are required for this program to determine staff requirements.

Reservations must be made at least one week in advance of the program, Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Duration: 10:00am - 2:00pm ongoing

Fee: None

Details of the event and rain day information coming soon. Additional questions, call 610-783-1072



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Reservations must be submitted **at least two weeks in advance** of the date requested.

Submit form to **vafo_education@nps.gov** or fax to **610-783-1038**

Please direct any questions to **610-783-1066**

Step 1: School Information

School/Group Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Teacher/Leader Name:		Primary Phone:	
E-mail:		Secondary Phone:	
Fax:		Number of Buses:	
Grade (s):		Number of Adults:	
Number of Students:			

Step 2: Pick a Program (s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Riding Through History | <input type="checkbox"/> Stories in the Rocks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soldier Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Home School Day- Wednesday, October 19, 2011 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rangers on the Road | <input type="checkbox"/> Home School Day- Wednesday, May 16, 2012 |

Step 3: List Possible Program Dates *(Programs available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays)*

Top 2 choices for field trip programs :

1

2

Top 2 choices for the supplemental Rangers on the Road program (prior to field trip; optional):

1

2

Step 4: Confirmation *(To be completed by park)*

Total Program Cost:

Program Date (s):

\$

This form will serve as your program confirmation. You will receive a completed form with the total program cost and the reserved date (s) shortly after the form is submitted. Please bring a copy of this form with you the day of your scheduled field trip.

As of January 1, 2012 we can no longer except cash or credit. Make checks payable to Valley Forge National Historical Park.

Submit your check to the ranger presenting your program that day. Please do not mail your check ahead of time.



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Reservations

To book your education program for the 2011/2012 academic year please e-mail or fax your completed reservation form ***at least two weeks in advance of your requested date to:***

E-mail: vafo_education@nps.gov

Fax: 610-783-1038

Questions about filling out or submitting the form or additional logistical/programmatic questions please call 610-783-1066. Please leave a detailed message with your question (s) and your contact information and we will promptly respond.

If the date you request is available, your group will be scheduled for a program. Be sure to include a back-up date in case your first choice is unavailable. A confirmation e-mail or fax will be sent when your reservation is confirmed with the date (s) and total cost of your program (s).

Logistics

Groups should arrive at the front of the Visitor Center at least fifteen minutes prior to the start time of your program to register the group at the Visitor Center front desk.

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Groups that arrive more than fifteen minutes late may have their programs canceled.

Call 610-783-1099 to report lateness.

